

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Claims

1. Claims 1-8,10-12 and 21-24 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reasons For Allowance

2. Applicant's arguments, see p. 4-6 with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-8,10-12 and 21-24 under 35 USC § 103 over Ravo, Millot, Roe, Johnson, Kim, von Dyck and McDonnell have been fully considered and are persuasive. Applicant persuasively argues that Ravo lacks an external alert device since support member 3 and cylindrical body portion 7 implant within the body. Additionally, Examiner notes that motivation is lacking to modify the conductors of Millot to be placed on a plug, since Millot already detects moisture and the presence of fecal matter with electrodes 15-17.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to:

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7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tatyana Zalukaeva can be reached on 571-272-1115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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